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Public Meeting Notice – Reusable Bag Ordinance

The Mountain View City Council will consider an ordinance regulating single-use carryout bags at retail establishments at a public hearing on the following date and time:

Tuesday, December 4, 2012
6:30 p.m.
Mountain View City Hall
500 Castro Street
Second Floor, Council Chambers

Ordinance Description

The proposed ordinance would regulate the use of paper and plastic single-use carryout bags at all retail establishments within Mountain View, including those selling clothing, food, and personal items directly to the customer. Restaurants, fast-food places and non-profit charitable reuse organizations (e.g., Goodwill and Salvation Army) would be exempt. The proposed ordinance would 1) ban plastic single-use carryout bags, and 2) allow recycled-content paper carryout bags or reusable carryout bags to be provided for a minimum charge of 10 cents per bag initially and 25 cents after January 1, 2015. Customers enrolled in the State's supplemental food stamps programs would be exempt from the paper or reusable bag charge. Protective bags for produce, meat, prescriptions, live pets, greeting cards, or garment bags (dry cleaning, clothing) may be provided at no charge. Retailers keep the 10 cents or 25 cents charged. They must itemize the purchase of any bags on the sales receipt and keep records of bag purchases and sales for 3 years, to be made available to the City upon request.

If the City Council adopts the ordinance, it would take effect beginning April 22, 2013.

Public Review and Comment

You are receiving this letter because your business license on file with the City indicates you are or may be a retail establishment subject to the ordinance. To review the ordinance in its entirety, as well as other information relevant to the ordinance, the Environmental Impact Report and public input, please visit www.MVrecycle.org. A copy of the City Council staff report will be available at www.mountainview.gov, or in the City Clerk's Office, located on the 3rd Floor of City Hall (500 Castro Street), after 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, 2012. Comments regarding the proposed ordinance may be made to the City Council by attending the meeting, or by submitting written comments via the City's website or to the City Clerk's Office prior to the meeting.